

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-59. (Cancelled)

60. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 83, wherein the first heart structure is a first heart wall.

61. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 83, wherein the first and second elongate members are tension members.

62. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 83, wherein securing the device to the in situ mitral valve includes sewing the device to an atrial side of the in situ mitral valve.

63. (Cancelled)

64. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 60, wherein the second heart structure is a second heart wall opposing the first heart wall.

65. (Cancelled)

66. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 83, further comprising securing a third elongate member between the first heart structure and the second heart structure.

67. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 62, wherein sewing the device to an atrial side of the in situ mitral valve draws tissue toward an inside of the ring-like member.

68. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 83, wherein a distal portion of one of the first and second elongate members is in contact with a papillary muscle of the left ventricle.

69-82. (Cancelled)

83. (Currently Amended) A method of treating an in situ mitral valve, the method comprising:

securing a device to the in situ mitral valve, the device including a ring-like member and a plurality of flexible ~~first and second~~ elongate members extending therefrom, wherein each of the plurality of flexible ~~first and second~~ elongate members includes a proximal portion and a distal portion;

securing ~~[[the]]~~ a first flexible elongate member of the plurality of flexible elongate members to a first heart structure of a left ventricle associated with the in situ mitral valve; ~~[[and]]~~

disposing a first anchoring structure at a distal portion of the first flexible elongate member;

securing ~~[[the]]~~ a second flexible elongate member of the plurality of flexible elongate members directly to a second heart structure of the left ventricle other than a heart valve, wherein the second heart structure is different from the first heart structure; and

disposing a second anchoring structure at a distal portion of the second flexible elongate member, wherein the second anchoring structure is discrete from the first anchoring structure.

84. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 83, further comprising drawing a papillary muscle toward the in situ mitral valve.

85. (Currently Amended) A method of treating an in situ mitral valve, the method comprising:

securing a device ~~[[ring]]~~ to the in situ mitral valve, wherein the device includes a ring and a plurality of flexible elongate members extending therefrom;

extending ~~[[an]]~~ a first flexible elongate member of the plurality of flexible elongate members from the ring to a first heart structure within a left ventricle associated with the in situ mitral valve; ~~[[and]]~~

disposing a distal portion of the first flexible elongate member in direct contact with a papillary muscle of the left ventricle;

securing a first anchoring structure to a distal end of the first flexible elongate member;
extending a second flexible elongate member of the plurality of flexible elongate members directly to a second heart structure within the left ventricle other than a heart valve; and
securing a second anchoring structure to a distal end of the second flexible elongate member, wherein the second anchoring structure is discrete from the first anchoring structure.

86. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 85, further comprising drawing the papillary muscle toward the in situ mitral valve.

87. (Currently Amended) A method of treating an in situ mitral valve, the method comprising:

sewing ~~securing a device~~ a ring to an atrial side of the in situ mitral valve,
wherein the device includes a ring and a plurality of flexible elongate members;
extending a first flexible elongate member of the plurality of flexible elongate members from the ring to a first anchor point, wherein the first anchor point includes a first papillary muscle; [[and]]
disposing a first anchoring structure at a distal end of the first flexible elongate member;

extending a second flexible elongate member of the plurality of flexible elongate members from the ring to a second anchor point, wherein the second anchor point includes a second papillary muscle;

disposing a second anchoring structure at a distal end of the second flexible elongate member, wherein the second anchoring structure is discrete from the first anchoring structure; and

drawing the first papillary muscle towards the in situ mitral valve.

88. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 87, wherein securing the device sewing the ring to an atrial side of the in situ mitral valve includes drawing tissue towards an inside of the ring.

89-98. (Cancelled)